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Save the Date: June 17

Join Iowa arts education leaders on June 17 for the second biennial **Iowa Fine Arts Education Summit**, co-presented by the Iowa Arts Council, Iowa Department of Education and Iowa Alliance for Arts Education.

This year's virtual event will focus on the many ways that arts educators – including K-12 teachers, nonprofit arts and culture educators, and teaching artists – can deepen [social and emotional learning](#) in the classroom and outside of school.

The program features an array of breakout sessions and a keynote address from **Scott Edgar**, Ph.D., an associate professor of music at Lake Forest College and director of the Center for Arts Education and Social Emotional Learning.

The summit will be relevant to instruction and learning across all fine arts disciplines, with individual sessions tailored to educators in dance, music, theater, visual and media arts.

Admission to this year's summit is free. Registration details will be posted with the full schedule on April 1.

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Iowa Arts Council Team News

The Iowa Arts Council welcomes **Jon Berg** as our new program manager for arts in community development and the Iowa Great Places program.

Jon previously served as director of the IndyEast Promise Zone, a

national place-based initiative that helps secure state and federal grants for community development and public art projects in high-poverty zones. He has also filled roles with Indiana University-Purdue University, Indianapolis, and served on the board of IndyFringe Creative Arts. Jon is an alum of Iowa State University and a musician. He began his new role with the Iowa Arts Council on March 8 and can be reached at jon.berg@iowa.gov.



Office Hours for Grant Applicants

The Iowa Arts Council will take your questions during designated office hours via Zoom. Visit our website for details about [current grant opportunities](#), along with Zoom links and call-in information for the upcoming office hours listed below.

Each session starts at 10 a.m.

- **March 18:** Cultural Leadership Partners
- **March 25:** Iowa Arts & Culture Resilience Grant for Nonprofits
- **April 1:** Greenlight Grants
- **April 8:** Iowa Arts & Culture Resilience Grant for Artists
- **April 15:** Cultural Leadership Partners
- **April 20:** Iowa Arts & Culture Resilience Grants for Nonprofits
- **April 22:** Greenlight Grant
- **April 29:** Iowa Arts & Culture Resilience Grants for Artists

Webinars for Grant Applicants

Didn't catch one of the recent webinars? No problem! A full list of webinars, each with tips for applying to the new round of grants, is on this handy [YouTube playlist](#).

Volunteers for Grant Panels

We're seeking individuals with artistically and culturally diverse points of view to serve on our upcoming, virtual grants panels. All volunteer panelists will receive training and are eligible to receive a stipend to compensate for the time commitment to serve on a panel. [Sign up here](#).

LEARN MORE ABOUT THE GRANTS

Federal and Regional Funding Opportunities

Relief and Recovery

More relief is on the way for the arts, culture and creative industries, thanks to the latest federal relief package, known as the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021. Eligible individuals and organizations should note several updates:

- Eligible applicants may apply for both a **Shuttered Venue Operators' Grant**, once the program begins taking applications, and receive second-draw funds from the **Paycheck Protection Program** loan program.
- Any PPP funds received will be deducted from any Shuttered Venue Operators grant funds. Both programs are administered by the U.S. Small Business Administration.
- The PPP program is accepting applications through March 31 or whenever the funds are exhausted. Recently announced [PPP changes](#) will allow freelancers, gig workers and sole proprietors to receive more financial support.



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National Endowment for the Arts Grants

The National Endowment for the Arts has announced several new and upcoming grant funding opportunities. Iowans are encouraged to apply for these opportunities, which can be transformative for communities and arts organizations:

[Research Grants in the Arts](#) fund research studies that investigate the value and/or impact of the arts in the United States. Matching or cost-sharing grants of \$10,000 to \$100,000 will be awarded.

[NEA Research Labs](#) fund transdisciplinary research teams grounded in the social and behavioral sciences, yielding empirical insights about the arts for the benefit of arts and non-arts sectors alike.



[Challenge America](#) awards are \$10,000 grants that offer support primarily to small organizations for projects in all artistic disciplines that extend the reach of the arts to underserved populations.

[Grants for Arts Projects](#) are offered in more than a dozen artistic disciplines, including folk and traditional, theater, visual, media and multi-disciplinary arts. Awards range from \$10,000 to \$100,000.

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Arts Midwest GIG Fund

The Arts Midwest [GIG \(Grow, Invest, Gather\) Fund](#) provides support to Midwestern arts organizations as they rebuild and re-imagine. Grants of \$2,500 will support costs associated with engaging artists in community experiences and can also be allocated towards capacity building work. **Applications are due May 3, 2021.**



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Iowa History Month and Days of Learning

The Iowa Department of Cultural Affairs kicked off Iowa History Month on March 1 with [Days of Learning](#), a new initiative that showcases our state's art, history, film and culture in a dynamic new way. The department's staff curated some of the best resources from its three divisions – the Iowa Arts Council, State Historical Society of Iowa, and Produce Iowa, the state office film and media production – as well as several partner organizations and arranged it all online for Iowans of all ages.

The first Days of Learning theme is "[Iowa's People and Places](#)," which samples a broad mix of history and culture that reflects the experiences of many people, from Iowa's first inhabitants to present-day schoolchildren.

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Iowa Keeps Creating

Have a previously recorded short film, music, dance or literary reading video? Partner with the Iowa Arts Council to gain more exposure and/or resources by submitting it to the **Iowa Keeps Creating: Digital Stage!** We're currently [accepting proposals](#) based on the theme "Arts and Healing."

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Aspiring Dancers Take Note

The [New York-based American Ballet Theatre Company](#) is opening its **RISE Weekend Workshop** to aspiring, young artists in all 50 states to share the joy of dance. The two-day virtual program April 10-11 will be led by dancers, faculty and teaching artists focusing on ballet, character dance, jazz, modern and more.

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Grantee Spotlight: Quad City Arts

With the support of an Iowa Arts Council grant, Quad City Arts launched the **Visiting Artist Series Educational Resources** project in 2020 to support virtual arts learning during the pandemic. To date, 21 performing artists and ensembles have created engaging videos about their craft, performance and professional journeys. The videos come with study guides and artist bios so teachers and students can learn more about the performing arts.

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Arts Advocacy Opportunities

The **2021 National Arts Action Summit**, presented April 5-9 by Americans for the Arts, will provide a forum for advocates to share with elected officials data and stories about the impact of the arts in their communities. Registration support is available for anyone who would otherwise be unable to participate.



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Calling All Artists: WDMurals



The West Des Moines Public Arts Advisory Commission invites Iowa artists to submit mural proposals for the **NEW WDMurals public art exhibit**. WDMurals is a temporary, outdoor exhibit that features murals painted on the entrance and exit walls of underpasses along trails in West Des Moines. Selected artists will receive a \$1,000 stipend and be eligible to win a \$300 award for Best in Show. **Deadline: March 31**

APPLY: MARCH 31

Coming Up

Grants

Open: [Coronavirus Relief Fund Registered Apprenticeship Expansion Grant Opportunities](#)

Now-May 26: [The Wellmark Foundation 2021 MATCH Grant](#)

March 15: [Iowa Artist Fellowships](#)

March 16: [LIFT: Early Career Support for Native Artists](#)

March 16: [SHIFT: Transformative Change and Indigenous Arts](#)

March 18: [Innovate Grant Winter Cycle](#)

March 30: [Build With Bags Grant](#)

March 31: [USArtists International Grant Program](#)

April 5: [Uprise Grant for BIPOC Filmmakers](#)

April 9: [BIPOC Deaf Arts Grant](#)

April 22: [NEA Challenge America](#)

April 23: [Harpo Foundation New Work Project Grants](#)

May 3: [Annuity Freedom Artist Grant](#)

May 3: [Annuity Freedom Black Business Grants & Minority Resources](#)

Calls for Artists

Now-March 15: [The Packard Group National Exhibition](#)

March 12: [Oskaloosa Sculpture Tour](#)

March 12: [ArtHaus Annual Emerging Artist Exhibition](#)

March 12: [CUE Art Foundation](#)

March 14: [Arquetopia Foundation & International Artist Residencies](#)

March 15: [Sac City Conservation Center Mural](#)

March 15: [The Curator's Salon Magazine](#)

March 19: [Outdoor Ring Out for Art Sculpture Exhibit](#)

March 20: [Survey Exhibition of Contemporary Art by Post-9/11 U.S. Military Veteran Artists](#)

March 21: [ArtsThrive: Art Exhibition and Benefit](#)

March 23: [City of Urbandale Outdoor Sculpture](#)

March 25: [The Write Contest and Community Dialogue Only Contest](#)

March 28: [Barcelona Contemporary 2021](#)

March 28: [Play + Inspire Virtual Exhibition](#)

March 28: [Translucent Souls](#)

May 3: [Annuity Freedom Small Business Grant for Women](#)

May 3: [Arts Midwest GIG Fund](#)

May 3: [Cultural Leadership Partners](#)

May 3: [Greenlight Grants](#)

May 3: [Iowa Arts & Culture Resilience Grants \(for artists\)](#)

May 3: [Iowa Arts & Culture Resilience Grants \(for nonprofits\)](#)

Aug. 1: [ASF Scandinavian Folk Arts Fellowships and Grants](#)

Professional Development

March 12: [Citizens' Institute on Rural Design](#)

March 15: [Cultural Accessibility During and After COVID-19: Two-Day Virtual Panel: Call for Proposals](#)

March 15: [VSA International Young Soloists Competition 2021](#)

March 25: [Composing for Film](#)

April 28: [Merge: Nation's Best Emerging Artists with Disabilities](#)

April 30: [Kolaj Institute's Social Justice Collage Workshop](#)

June 23: [Teaching Artists Guild Webinars](#)

Student Opportunities

June 1: [ICF Student Composers Competition](#)

March 29: [Public Art at the Marshalltown Performing Arts Center](#)

March 29: [Czech Village New Bohemia Mural](#)

March 29: [Dubuque Museum of Art Biennial](#)

March 31: [2021 Beaujolais Nouveau Artist Label Contest](#)

March 31: [WDMurals](#)

March 31: [Create! Magazine Print Issue #26](#)

March 31: [Stevens Point Sculpture Park](#)

March 31: [Tiny Fiction, Nonfiction, Poetry, or Art](#)

April 4: [Marshalltown Mural, McGregors Furniture & Mattress](#)

April 6: [Clear Lake Arts Center Sculpture Exhibition](#)

April 10: [Rochester Contemporary Art Center 6x6](#)

April 22: [The Write Contest and Community Short Story Contest](#)

April 28: [Merge: Nation's Best Emerging Artists With Disabilities](#)

April 30: [Meltdown Exhibition](#)

May 10: [National Museum of Racing and Hall of Fame](#)

May 12: [Women's Work](#)

Oct. 31: [Sunspot Literary Journal](#)

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